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Washington, D.C 15th September, 2005

Mr. George Kelhart Marketing Order Administration Branch Fruit and Vegetable Programs Agricultural Marketing Service Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue SW **STOP 0237** Washington, D.C. 20250-0237

## Reference:

Docket Number FV03-925-1 PR Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California And Imported Grapes Proposed Changes in Regulatory Periods

## Request for Extension of Comment Period

Dear Mr. Kelhart:

I am writing on behalf of the Chilean Government to request that the comment period of the above-referenced proposed rule making be extended an additional sixty days (60 days) until November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Our Government intends to comment on the rule being proposed by the Department of Agriculture. However, both the proposed rule and the information that it refers to need careful examination. Therefore, we respectfully request that the USDA extend the comment period until November 24th, 2005, to allow for appropriate consultation with other interested parties and to adequately address all the main issues concerning the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Alex Foxlev

Economic Counselor Embassy of Chile